



DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I (we) hereby declare that my (our) residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my (our) name; I (we) believe that I am (we are) the original, first and sole inventor(s) (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention (Design, if applicable) entitled: SIDE RAIL, HOSPITAL BED INCLUDING THE SAME, METHOD OF OPERATING ASSOCIATED THERETO AND KIT FOR ASSEMBLING THE SIDE RAIL

the specification of which (check one): is attached hereto; was filed on January 6, 2004 as application serial No. 10/751,468 and was amended on (or amended through) _____ (if applicable); was filed on _____ as International Application (PCT) No. _____ and amended on _____ (if applicable). I (we) hereby state that I (we) have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment(s) referred to above. I (we) acknowledge the duty to disclose information known by me (us) to be material to the patentability of my (our) invention in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56(a). I (we) hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application which priority is claimed.

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I (we) hereby declare that all statements made herein of my (our) own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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